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the world's champion, while the other, a more slip of a girl, views nothing but the scornful backs of American tennis "fans."

Where was the American sporting spirit, where the American chivalry in such treatment of the French tennis invader? Perhaps her ability had been overrated, just as Carpenter's had been overpriced, but there was no sign that she had "quit," nothing to lead the Americans to believe that she had not been game until she dropped from sheer exhaustion. Even Jack Dempsey took the challenger in his arms and gave him a friendly slap on the back, but Mrs. Mallory extended to Suzanne a clammy hand and abruptly turned her back upon her.

America owes an apology to Suzanne. It would be unfortunate indeed were she to return to France disillusioned by scurvy treatment at Forest Hills. If she is able to make her proposed tour, she will find that we Americans, with some ignoble exceptions, are good sports after all. For our own sake, as well as for that of France, which in a few weeks has seen two idols of her sport world dethroned, America wants the chance to make amends.

Fraudulent Taxation Reform

ADMITTED by President Harding, without whose support they would have faced inevitable defeat, the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee have undertaken the passage of a taxation bill indefensible in almost every paragraph. By what they evidently believed to be an adroit juggling of figures, they have made it appear that they are bringing about a sweeping reduction in taxes, a reduction made possible by enforced economies.

If the testimony of a Republican Secretary of the Treasury, who happens to be one of America's foremost financiers, is to be accepted, no such economies as are projected are possible without a paralysis of many of the most important functions of the government; therefore the money will not and should not be saved. Instead of providing sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of the government, the Ways and Means Committee is content to reduce receipts by perhaps \$1,000,000,000 under the authorized expenditures, thereby running open-ended to a deficit. Such a deficit means but one thing. It means that the Federal government must return once more to the money market and re-engage again in the business of borrowing large sums not to carry on war, but to meet running expenses.

This is merely one phase of the taxation program now a matter of concrete development. The suspicion has grown into a conviction in most quarters that the present Republican leadership has set out to relieve the heavier taxpayers, that is, the wealth of the country, from the heavier burden and to shift the load to the shoulders of those less able to bear it. An analysis of the tax plan does not literally bear out this view, however. The reduction of the surtax and the repeal of the excess profits tax may in a sense lure to the benefit of rich men, but there are sound business reasons why the nation's capital should be relieved of the blighting effect of excess taxation and be once more employed in productive enterprise.

It is unfortunate, however, that in revising existing tax schedules, the Ways and Means Committee should not have found an opportunity to lower the rates as they affect the incomes and the daily life of the millions of people of moderate means. To cut off the soda water tax counts for little and to lower or to abolish the so-called "luxury" taxes counts for less. The changes made in the matters of incomes of \$5,000 or less are somewhat more substantial, even though they will affect a relatively small number of people.

It should be mentioned, moreover, that in lifting the nominal soft-drink and other "nuisance" taxes the committee has been guilty of direct duplicity. While apparently giving the consumer something to hope for in these small ways, the committee has increased the tax upon the manufacture of the products consumed, which means that the price will be no less than before, although collected at the source.

Sweeping details aside, however, the fact remains that the Ways and Means Committee has proposed the enactment of a \$3,000,000,000 taxation bill when it knows that this is not enough money to operate the government on, by from one to one and a half billion dollars, a fact which makes it necessary to increase the public debt. Such a policy should be condemned by every thinking man and woman in the country.

A Duty Neglected

It may be procrastination, or possibly just plain, unvarnished and unadulterated carelessness on the part of Richmond's executive men, that keeps them from filling out their war record blanks and forwarding them to the Richmond War History Commission. Or their failure may result from their lack of understanding of how important it is that the State should have these records.

Whatever the reason for the failure to respond to the repeated requests, it is true that of the approximately 4,500 ex-service men in Richmond, not more than 1,700 have filled out their records and placed them in the hands of the commission. The remaining 2,800 are delaying that body in its work. Today the police, with the consent of Director Myers, will distribute blanks to all who have not yet made their returns, with the urgent request that they do so at once.

However, the ex-service man personally may regard the preservation of his record in the world war, he should understand that it is a duty he owes to the city, the State and to posterity. These individual records will be preserved for all time in the archives of the State Library, where they may be consulted as occasion requires, and it is desirable that they be complete. How desirable is manifest from the incompleteness of the records of other wars and the resultant confusion, disappointment and expense entailed to veterans or others who have had claims to establish. The Richmond War History Commission is a branch of the Virginia War History Commission, and its task cannot be completed unless Richmond veterans will take the few minutes necessary to comply with its request.

We want it distinctly understood that we put no credence in that malignant rumor coming from Washington that it was the influence of woman that kept the committee from increasing the tax on cigarettes.

SEEN ON THE SIDE

BY HENRY EDWARD WARNER

Perhaps, there is a little word—That means a little lot—It's quite the most upsetting word—That any tongue has got;—It snatches hopes, and spills—Fortunes from startled lips—It is that little friend of it—And But—the word "Perhaps."

Perhaps, had I been born—Of some most noble sire, My station on this funny sphere—Perhaps, had I arrived—On some promiscuous moon, They might have found between my gums—A little golden spoon.

Perhaps—O Lord, perhaps!—If things were different—I might spend dollars lavishly—Where now I hoard a cent!—But as it is, I say, Whenever I roll craps—I know the dice are loaded with—A lot of old Perhaps.

Let all the gods that have—A heart, come hear my plea—And keep that little word Perhaps—From irritating me!

Charcoal Eph's Daily Thought.

"Hit sure do look lak dey's a heap 'o up-hill in dis har worl," said Charcoal Eph, ruminatively, "an' de onlies' luck a guy got is when he stahk down on Easy Street. Eat a pickle, Mistah Jackson."

Fuel.

Just got news that coal supply will be exhausted in 250,000 years. Yes, but dargum it, there's plenty 'o down wood in our pasture. We should shiver!

Langulappe.

Ten kinds of curses on all kinds of fads. Chewing gum is a national evil; about the only one left. Hustling is a fine way to quit worrying. Absence makes the heart grow fonder of the disappearing dollar.

Up With the Times

By H. O. R.

It looks as if the President had double-crossed Colonel Harvey by sending him to London and then bringing the peace conference to Washington.

Lack of food for Russia's stomach has not decreased the strength of its call, as is evident in the Soviet demand that it have custody of the relief supplies.

Expense of the disarmament conference does not seem so heavy when compared with the cost of just one battleship.

Now that modern styles have revealed to the public that American women have legs, no bunch of French dressmakers is going to make them return to the old concealment under street-sweeping skirts.

Situation in Ireland is described as delicate, but from this distance it gives evidence of being both robust and lusty.

President Harding is coming into Virginia on a speech-making tour in October, but it has nothing to do with politics. Oh, no, of course not. We have the word of Congressman Slomp himself for that.

To De Valera everything is unreasonable which does not agree with De Valera.

With lemons selling at \$14 the box, H. Johnson must feel mighty proud of his family tree.

In putting his O. K. on home brewers and kitchen distillers, Volstead seems to have done a violence.

Even a sight of the circus menagerie today will not console the old-fashioned man, who recalls the days when his animals came in an assortment of vivid pinks, and blues and purples.

Spirit of Virginia's Press

"If history teaches correctly," says the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, "and if there is anything in signs, the Republican party's high tariff activities warrant the Democrats in confidently watching and waiting."

The Bedford Democrat has no complaints to make. It says:

"Who says the Fordney tariff bill was not framed in the people's interest? Doesn't it reduce the duty from 50 to 10 per cent ad valorem on such a daily household necessity as poker chips?"

The Newport News Times-Herald indorses all the Attorney-General has to say about the necessity for the revamping of Virginia's election laws, and goes him one better, as follows:

"The demand is made more imperative by the enfranchisement of women. The number of voters has been largely increased, and it is a shame to compel a frail woman to stand in line for half an hour before she can deposit her ballot. But that is not all. The work imposed upon the judges in some cases is cruel and almost unbearable, and the delay in getting the returns is resented by the general public. Our system of voting is as old as the secret ballot and is as far behind the progress of the age as the ox cart is behind the automobile. We must simplify the law."

The Roanoke Times offers this explanation: "Whether you look upon President Harding as a ruthless dictator or a natural leader depends upon whether you happen to be a Republican or a Democrat."

The Portsmouth Star evidently has no fear of a closing of the navy yard in its town, no matter how peaceable the world may become. It says:

"We know that the national defense is something that will never be neglected. The navies will not be scrapped, however much their growth may be curtailed. The ships that remain, even after a successful disarmament conference, must be maintained at a proper standard of efficiency. Then there is the vast merchant marine. We have the facilities here for caring for the greatest ships that float."

The Newport News Press is a little puzzled. It says:

"Citizens returning from abroad say the people of Europe are better off than the people of the United States. And American tourists are spending millions of money in Europe, yet the nations of Europe that borrowed money from the United States during the war declare that they are not able to pay interest on their indebtedness."

The Danville Bee comes to the defense of General Wood, who is soon to be Governor-General of the Philippines, and among other things says:

"It is not forgotten that overzealous friends

marred his chances as President, and that he himself was in no way to blame for the situation based in the probe of campaign expenses. Many a candidate has suffered at the hands of his friends and the great financial backing General Wood had, and which undoubtedly had marked adverse effect upon his aspirations, left no stain upon the man or his integrity."

Health Talks by Dr. Brady

A Regimen for Stout Women.

So many, many women—not to drag in the men—begin soon after thirty digging their graves with their teeth, which is a famous allegory but an unfortunate one, from our present physiological point of view, for in truth life is shortened because we do not make enough use of our teeth. I don't say, the modern food manufacturer, who takes it upon himself to remove every factor or element of the food that he deems indigestible or otherwise unfit for human consumption, is more to blame than are our teeth for the short race so many of us run. The food manufacturer or manipulator calls this "purifying" the food; I call it mollycoddling the food. For example, the food manipulator takes a wholesome thing like wheat and removes the iron, the phosphorus, most of the other mineral salts or elements, and the vitamins, and sells what remains under the pleasing name of refined white flour—which makes but a sorry staff of life to lean on. He similarly mollycoddles rice and sells what remains as a suitable food—and it is suitable for that, production of such grave nutritional disorders as beriberi (multiple neuritis). Brown rice (unpolished rice) is suitable for healthy people to eat; polished rice is not. These and many other harmful processes which the food manipulator deems essential are more or less calculated to discourage the natural process of mastication. And it is too easy to forget that the chief part of digestion occurs in the mouth.

Prosperous Jewish people in this country are fond of what they deem good living. They are great eaters. Dr. Joslin, who has made an extensive study of diabetes, holds that overeating is the chief cause of that grave functional disorder. He cites the incidence of diabetes among Jewish people in America, and its prevalence among them is well known. He calls attention to the marked tendency toward obesity among Jewish women particularly, and I think it is true that Jewish women of the prosperous class in America late exercise about as much as any class in the world. The outcome is inevitable—too much food, too little exercise, obesity. This seems unfortunate, for as a class Jewish women are blessed with great physical beauty and by reason of their religious adherence to hygienic law, with fine health besides. They make ideal mothers. It is nothing less than tragic that they should so neglect their physical education.

Any woman who reluctantly realizes that she is growing stout or corpulent, especially about the middle of her body—that is, about the hips, thighs, buttocks and abdomen—must understand, first, that the corset is a chief factor, though it has never been worn tight-fitting, and second, that use of the very muscle groups which the corset renders practically useless will prevent and reduce the fat deposits which not only destroy physical beauty, but, as slacker flesh, live on the body's energy in a parasitic do, and thus shorten life. For such a woman I would prescribe some such regimen as follows:

1. More thorough use of the teeth—complete mastication—something akin to Fletcherism. This fills in time at table without overfilling the alimentary tube.

2. Two miles of oxygen three times a day on the foot, or its equivalent in general exercise, not counting housework as exercise.

3. From five to ten minutes each morning and night, with no interruptions on account of menstrual periods, of high kicking at a suspended target, both forward and backward kicking.

4. Some such minimum of daily exercise were compulsory for all women not actually disabled by disease, the sum total of happiness in the world would be materially increased.

Had Great Wealth, Lived Like Pauper

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Thomas F. Smith, public administrator, holds bonds and cash worth more than \$20,000, a gold nugget, several diamonds and other jewelry found on Peter Vidovich, a former gold miner in Alaska, who, apparently destitute, was taken from a transcontinental train a year ago and died here soon afterward.

This became known today when the Mercantile Trust Company, of San Francisco, notified Mr. Smith that John M. Vidovich, of Fresno, Cal., had instituted proceedings in the San Francisco Probate Court to track his uncle's will. The trust company asks that all the property be turned over to it.

When the man was taken from the Overland Limited last August his clothes were threadbare and he was suffering from lack of nourishment. Upon his death there were found in his clothing, in addition to the bonds, cash and jewelry, robes from various California banks showing he had on deposit more than \$25,000. Deeds to property in Alaska also were discovered.

News of Fifty Years Ago

(From the Richmond Dispatch, August 18, 1871.)

Conservative ward meetings were held all over the city last night and thorough organization of ward clubs was perfected for vigorous work in the fall campaign.

The splendid estate of the late Albert M. Aiken, of Henrico County, was yesterday sold at auction by Lyne & Brother, real estate agents. The Varina tract, embracing 1,219 acres, was sold for \$24,518. The purchaser, James B. B. Claiborne, of Henrico County, Rich. Burgess, of Richmond, bought Locust Hill, 227 acres, for \$2,192.

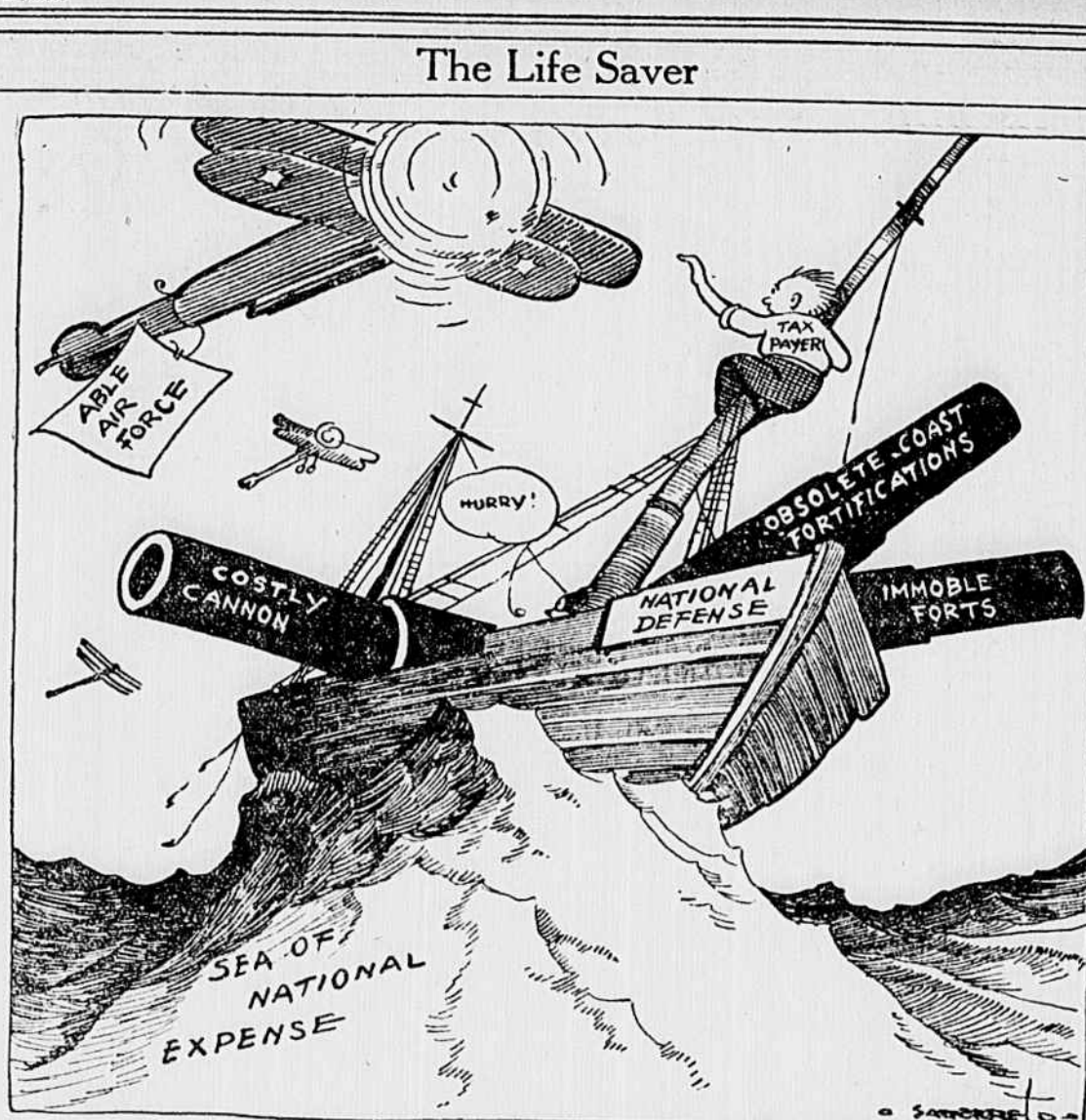
A violent wind, rain and hail storm, lasting in all one hour, passed over Richmond yesterday, beginning about 5 o'clock. The hail lasted about fifteen minutes, and, being driven by the wind, did considerable damage to windows. The rain fell in torrents and flooded the streets.

A meeting of tournament riders and all persons interested in this species of amusement will be held at Johnson's restaurant tomorrow afternoon to appoint delegates to the State tournament convention, which will be held at Amelia Springs on the fifth of September to form a State association and adopt rules and regulations for the conduct and government of tournaments.

The American brig Waltham was cleared yesterday for Rio del Sol by Haxall, Crenshaw & Co. She took 1,560 barrels of flour.

Married, on the 15th instant, in Washington, D. C., by Rev. R. Peyton Brown, W. C. Tinsley to Miss A. M. Davis, both of Richmond.

Harlan & Hollingsworth, of Wilmington, Del., are building yet another ship for the Old Dominion Steamship Company, which is to be run, when completed, between Richmond and New York.



WILSON-COLBY LAW FIRM WILL NOT ENTER POLITICS

Deny Report That Establishment of Offices Is to Combat Republican Party.

(By United News.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Former President Wilson and former Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby, have effected a law partnership, not a political organization. This is stated in response to rumors that their sudden establishment of large offices here in Washington